

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMS  
Jefferson City, MO  
March 24, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lynthia Andrews, DO  
Mark Alexander, EMT-P  
Joan Eberhardt, RN  
Robert Dodson, MD  
Ben Chlapek, EMT-P  
Vicki Groce, EMT-P  
Ruby Mehrer, RN  
Wayne Sanders, EMT-P  
Wally Patrick, RN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sam Schneider, EMT-P  
David Tan, MD

**GUESTS**

George Wright	Steven Woods	Diana Kraus
Pam Grimes	Eric Mills	Bob Patterson
Ken Koch	Jerry Kirchhoff	Paul Guptill
Dan White	James Dean	Jason White
Brian Froelke	Richard Cotter	Monroe Yancie

**DHSS STAFF PRESENT**

Samar Muzaffar, EMS Medical Director  
Kelly Jenkins, Bureau of EMS  
Shirley Gastler, Bureau of EMS  
Bob Minter, Bureau of EMS  
Jennifer Evans, Bureau of EMS  
Greg Natsch, Bureau of EMS  
Terry Ellsworth, Bureau of EMS  
Beverly Smith, DHSS

**Call to Order**

Dr. Andrews called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the February 2009 meeting were approved with motion by Vicki Groce and seconded by Robert Dodson. The motion passed unanimously.

DHSS Director Margaret Donnelly addressed the group and is aware of the 9-1-1 issue and mentioned budget cuts that would affect the Department. Director Donnelly gave a short bio on herself.

**SUBCOMMITTEES**

### **Legislative – Mark Alexander**

The Legislative Subcommittee met before the SAC meeting. Mentioned that the Legislature is in session. Subcommittee discussed several House Bills and Senate Bills, these were presented to SAC for support, and they include:

House Bill 665- Seat Belt Law – Rep. Deeken

House Bill 508/Senate Bill 332 – Line of Duty Death Benefit – Rep. Bruns

House Bill 819 – Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Act – Dr. Cooper

Senate Bill 978 – Recall of Ambulance Board Members-sponsor Sen. John Griesheimer

House Bill 448 – Peer Review-sponsors Rep. Jeff Roorda

Senate Bill 307 – Federal Reimbursement Act – Sen. Dempsey- SAC has no opposition to this bill

House Bill 165 – Helmet Law – Rep. Dusenberg

House Bill 173 – Ambulance/Fire Board Election- (Vote Restoration Act)

There was discussion on 19 CSR 30-40.600 Out of hospital Do Not Resuscitate (OHDNR). It is back with the Department and they are considering the comments. 9-1-1 discussion and how this is very important to TCD and EMS.

### **Communication Committee – Vicki Groce**

The Communication Subcommittee met before the SAC this morning. One item of discussion was about the 9-1-1 meetings that are happening throughout the state. There is some concern about the tone and information that is being given out. The committee will be drafting a letter to DHSS (Nancie McAnaug) on how important this issue is to health and public safety and finding solutions. There needs to be medical oversight of 9-1-1. There is incorrect information out there on 9-1-1. Coordination is the key in being able to resolve this for the best for the citizens of Missouri.

### **Air Ambulance – Ruby Mehrer**

The Air Ambulance Subcommittee met before the SAC meeting today. Possible revisions to Helicopter Early Launch Process (HELP) document were discussed. Input from the TCD groups is being solicited. Multiple helicopter responses, hospital helipad, hazmat patients and integration with EMS systems were areas addressed. Safety and operations survey on hospital helipads is long and probably would not receive a lot of participation. Will provide a copy to MO Hosp Assoc as a reference tool. NTSB Safety Meeting took place in Washington DC. The summary and recommendations from this meeting are expected later. Instead of attending the DHSS earthquake planning meetings, we should develop a response plan for the helicopters in the state of Missouri that would dovetail into the state plan.

### **Pediatric Committee – Diana Kraus**

The Pediatric Subcommittee met before the SAC meeting today. Discussion on the EMSC conference held in February. Discussion on next year's conference being held in Columbia. Still to be held in February 2010. The group worked on suggested topics such as safe sleep, hypothermia, drowning, child abuse and TCD for children.

### **Trauma –Wally Patrick**

Meeting is March 25, 2009

### **Education – Monroe Yancie**

No meeting this month. Next meeting will be April 15, 2009 via conference call.

### **Public Information-**

Have not met since last SAC meeting.

### **Time Critical-Dr. Muzaffar**

The trauma committee will meet on March 25, 2009. The team is working on Level IV regulations and triage of patients. Last meeting will be May 27, 2009. April 7, 2009 will be the Stroke/STEMI meeting. There are three (3) meetings left. The committee is hoping to have the regulations done before the last meeting. We also discussed EMS roles in disaster response. There is a lot of progress being made and there is still a lot to do. NITSA- review of the state in the fall.

## **REGIONS**

### **Northwest – Vicki Groce**

There was no meeting in March. Next meeting will be April 8, 2009.

### **Central – Eric Mills**

Attempted a meeting this morning. The group will plan to meet March 25, 2009 at the trauma meeting.

### **East Central – Ken Koch**

The committee met on February 27, 2009 at Des Peres Hospital. Mark Alexander and Jason White attended this meeting and give a discussion on the FRA bill. There was also a demonstration/presentation on Sub Q infusions. Next meeting will be Friday March 27, 2009.

### **Kansas City- Ruby Mehrer**

No meeting this month. Next meeting will be April 6, 2009. The group will be looking at restructuring.

### **Southeast- Terry Ellsworth**

Committee met March 13, 2009. No information to at this time.

### **Southwest – Bob Patterson**

Next meeting will be April 17, 2009.

### **Old Business**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **New Business**

EMS Day at the Capitol was a great turn out. There were approximately 150 persons in attendance with 7 booths. Joan and Dr. Froelke gave a report on the D-MAT-1 deployment to Washington DC for the State of the Union address given by the President. Psychiatric transfers will be discussed at the next meeting. Shirley Gastler gave a report on an award that the State will be given for having complied with NITSA.

### **Adjourn**

Dr. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

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Lynthia Andrews, SAC Chair

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Date